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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Require Interscholastic Athletic Organizations  
To Comply with the Public Proceedings Provisions  
of the Freedom of Access Laws for Certain Meetings'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 608, §2, is further amended to read:

E. The board of directors of a nonprofit, nonstock private corporation that provides statewide noncommercial public broadcasting services and any of its committees and subcommittees; and

**Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 608, §3, is amended to read:

F. Any advisory organization, including any authority, board, commission, committee, council, task force or similar organization of an advisory nature, established, authorized or organized by law or resolve or by Executive Order issued by the Governor and not otherwise covered by this subsection, unless the law, resolve or Executive Order establishing, authorizing or organizing the advisory organization specifically exempts the organization from the application of this subchapter; and

**Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. The committee meetings, subcommittee meetings and full membership meetings of any association that:

(1) Promotes, organizes or regulates statewide interscholastic activities in public schools or in both public and private schools; and

(2) Receives its funding from the public and private school members, either through membership dues or fees collected from those schools based on the number of participants of those schools in interscholastic activities.

This paragraph applies to only those meetings pertaining to interscholastic sports and does not apply to any meeting or any portion of any meeting the subject of which is limited to personnel issues, allegations of interscholastic athletic rule violations by member schools, administrators, coaches or student athletes or the eligibility of an individual student athlete or coach.

**Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Public records of interscholastic athletic organizations.** Any records or minutes of meetings under subsection 2, paragraph G are public records.'

### SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It adds to the definition of "public proceedings" under the freedom of access laws the meetings of interscholastic organizations when the meetings pertain to interscholastic sports. Meetings limited to eligibility rule violations and personnel issues are not included as public proceedings. This amendment also provides that records and minutes of the meetings are public records.